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USDA to Conduct Annual Mushroom Survey

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is again conducting the Mushroom Inquiry to document the past growing year. All mushroom growers will be contacted about growing area, production, and value of sales for the growing year of 2017-2018, as well as growing intentions for the coming year. Growers should receive a questionnaire in mid-June. If you do not receive a questionnaire, please contact the Northeastern Regional Field Office of USDA/NASS at 800-498-1518. Those not responding by mail will be contacted either by phone or in person during early July.

It is important that all mushroom growers participate in the Mushroom Inquiry so that accurate statistics on the mushroom industry are published. Mushroom statistics are used to help support the industry in many ways. All individual operation information is kept confidential and protected from freedom of information act requests.

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 903.1 million pounds during the 2016-2017 growing season, down 1.7 percent from the previous year. Pennsylvania accounted for 64 percent of the total volume of sales. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$1.13 billion dollars, up 2.5 percent from the 2015-2016 season. In Pennsylvania, the Agaricus crop was valued at \$560 million where growers received on average, 97 cents per pound for all Agaricus mushroom sales, unchanged from the previous year.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in the U.S. during 2016-2017 totaled \$96.2 million. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$3.78, was down 1 cent from the previous season.

These figures were taken from the 2017 U.S. Department of Agriculture's, National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS) *Mushrooms* release. The entire report is available via the internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. This year's survey results will be available on August 21, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

The complete *Mushrooms* release and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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